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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20050

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's November 1997 clean air proposal to reduce air pollutants that travel across state borders and contribute to unhealthy air.

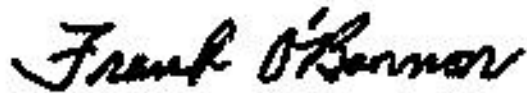
Indiana has launched an aggressive, positive effort to meet the new clean air health standards finalized by your administration last summer. We are working with community, business and citizen leaders in seven metropolitan areas of our state that are at risk of not meeting the new ozone standard. We aim to develop common sense plans that will meet our clean air health goals and represent the best choices for our citizens. Our focus on clean air is consistent with my commitment to building bright beginnings for our children, as we strive to prevent asthma and other respiratory problems of our youth and others through clean air.

I enclose our formal comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on its November 1997 proposal. We clearly share the same goals and the same commitment to clean air as your administration. Our comments reflect that commitment.

But our comments also demonstrate that there are common sense options to achieve our mutual clean air goals that continue to allow states and local communities to make the key decisions on how to achieve clean air. We are very concerned that wholesale adoption of EPA's original proposal will result in unnecessary social and economic costs, undercut state efforts, fracture a cooperative approach, and engender lawsuits and delays, not clean air. Our recommendations will bring clean air to Indiana by or sooner than Clean Air Act deadlines and allow us and other states to be good neighbors and address any pollution blown downwind.

We urge your administration to work with Indiana and our neighbors to finalize a clean air plan that meets our objective of clean air in a common sense way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank O'Bannon".

Frank O'Bannon

Enclosure

cc: Carol Browner, Administrator EPA
Docket No. A-96-65